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WEATHER. Washington, Nov. 26. - For lower d upper Michigan: Fair; south-

GRAND MIVER, Persons interested in the improve nt of Grand river have carefully ighed the prospect for securing Fedoral aid and decided that it is highly probable that any favorable action will be taken in that direction. The revenues of the government are barely equal to the expenditures and with the ning "taciff reform" administralion it is unlikely that there will be any increase. Without so abundant surplus congress will be tardy to appropriate money for rivers and harbors. The practical common-sense view of the patter is that congress will not appropriate money for deepening the chanof Grand river until its commercial aportance as a navigable stream is really emphasized. Therefore the duty of the city of Grand Rapids, and the ctive channel of traffic and transporation. Then if obstacles and impediats to unrestricted navigation shall f trade will exert itself. One of the first steps to be taken will be the mending of the city charter so that

ment aid would be forthcoming.

CLOSE THE DOORS. moral aspect of a law restricting im- some of this work is of the rankest imnigration there seems to exist a powerful sentiment favorable to such a remedy for the congested condition of the labor market. The mere mention of the desirability of such an act has already been felt in England, where grave apprehensions are excited that such a law in America would congest and paralyze the labor market there. Preliminary steps have been taken to belief. prepare parliament to meet such acon on our part by a provisionary ensciment, at least, which will shield the English work people from ruinous competition with the undesirable cheap labor of the continent. Under our immigration laws the very refuse of foreign cheap labor has been emptied into our ports in increasing numbers. Inured to poverty and starvation wages in their own countries they come here to reap for a day's toil what in their own country would have been a princely recompense for a week's menial labor. This enormous influx bas continued with unabated intensity until today the great masses of labor are leavened with a most destructive element. The native born American is so bemmed in by the competition of the lowest orders of foreign workmen that he finds himself comparatively helpless and with no prospect of relief. The only relief that he can have is in checking the prodigious stream that continues to flow into our ports. The necessity for each action is the only meral and legal just fication for it. In our present stage of progress we have all the men in this country that can be a period of ten years yet to come. The fours have been closed on the west coast and no evil results have ensued. Let us close the dwors on the east coast and run our chances of international complications.

TRUE ES OF TAMMANY.

Tammany is beside itself. Finding that Cleveland is elected without its votes and awakening to the unpleasant prospect that it will have no weight in (ashuming the mobt out of which the specie will be squeezed, it is making his unbroken science is construed to for himself. The latest scheme to the mammath printing concern. barass him is in the natura of a gigaptic conspiracy by which Cleveland will be finally cheated out of the presidency. It is not more novel than it is bold and unscrupalous, but it is characteristic of Tammany. The scheme is to form a post consisting of the elegters of New York and Hinney, which will have the power to control the vote of have only 207 votes in the college, or in every ten of the guests are mapired to a

to elect. The plan is to elect Stevenson vice president and dead-lock the college, throwing the election of president into the house. With Stevenson acting president he would behead all the republican officeholders in New York and fill their places with Tammany men. Then if the house elected Cleveland, Tammany would have all it desires and he could not interfere without menacing the future of the party. All this could be done strictly within the constitution, but Tammany has overlooked several other features that will exert a controlling influence. For instance, the Cleveland electors. They would hardly consent to the election of Tammany's man to defeat their own. Then the senate, containing many democrats and honest republicans, would not lend itself to do dirty work for Hill. But over all is the election of Cleveland by the people, and they would never consent to have their will thwarted by such a trick. Tammany is mad.

FAITH CURES.

There are not a few persons in this busy world who believe in the efficacy the laying-on-of-hands cures for human disabilities and diseases. There are also not's few persons who believe that the so-called miraculous cures are all shams and counterfeits. Between the two extremes there is a common sense mean that affords ground upon which the thoroughly unprejudiced may sift the exaggeration and superstition from the real and reasonable and arrive at such conclusions as they may be able to deduce. The mysticism and supernaturalness thrown about many of the more remarkable manifestations are well calculated to inspire scepticism, but the actualities, after tounties and towns contiguous to all, lead the calm investigator to a se river, is to make the river an point where his human discernment can afford no rational explanation for the phenomens. Zols, the French novelist, a materialhe found to exist the government will ist, has investigated the miracles the attention of the people the board Lourdes. He reports that he is at a loss to explain the undoubted mystery of the unquestioned cures. He reasons that while the blind are made to see, the municipality may pledge its credit the deaf to hear and the maimed and o raise funds to be expended in river halt to skip and dance, the secret may improvements. Such an amendment be in the intense faith of those suffer-will contemplate the issuance of bonds ing from nervous diseases who are within well defined limitations. It is touched by saintly hands, laved in holy water, and are healed. But some of believed that the physical condition of the river bed is green that an expendi- the diseases cannot be classed in the ture of \$200,000 5; the city will deepen | category of nervous diseases, and he is the channel so that light draft steamers | therefore compelled to admit the bona fide character of some of the cures. may ply the river unimpeded. The Down in Pennsylvania a Methodist ity of Grand Haven and the counties minister is creating considerable excitebordering on the river ought to secure ment among the impressionable by s like enabling act. From all sources the sum of \$500,000 could be raised and | performing feats in the cure of invalids no less remarkable than those perapplied to the purpose. Then governformed by Fr. Molitor in his lifetime. He is said to cure asthma, palsy and rheumatism by the touch of his Without stopping to consider the hands and a brief invocation. That ition will admit of no doubt, but phenomenal that only occult power will be able to pierce the mystery and make the primal force that heals these sick and maimed a matter of rational human conception. Until such a dispensation the element of supernaturalness will remain to baffle universal

RUSSIA'S EXTREMITY.

Stepniak, in the current issue of Czar and his council in advocacy of his financial scheme for the relief of Hartford Courier. Russia, as if he were talking to a parliament of his peers. Pursuing the subject of Russia's condition, Stepniak says that petitions for relief are pouring in upon the ministry just as they did last year, and the imperial relief fund is exhausted. Where is money to come from? How are both ends of the budget to be made to meet? The subsidies, it must be remembered, count double in a budget, like the seats won or lost at the elections. A province or district which needs relief at once absorbe the money of the state and keeps back the taxes due. Of the many plans for raising funds the expedient of ssuing paper money has found most favor with the present government; six issues have been ordered since last year. This is undoubtedly an easy way, but a dangerous one too, which cannot be resorted to indefinitely. With the 200,000,000 roubles interest on foreign loans to be paid in gold, he says, the depreciation of paper money will fall heavily upon the exchequer of the state, as it does upon the general industry of the country. The only expedient left is trying foreign loans. But in the present condition of Russian finances and agriculture, foreign bankers will not advance money to Russia. Other expedients will be resorted to, but the prospect for relief is anything but encouraging to the unhappy subjects of the Crar.

No publication in the world of jourdesperate efforts to buildoze Cleveland | naismi occupies a more conspicuous nto making concessions. Up to date position than the Youth's Companions. For years it has been the source of joy nean an emphatic reiteration of his and satisfaction to boys and girls. Its classical reply to the besiere: "Tam- army of devoted readers will be gratimany be damned." The Toyer shows fied to know that it has recently moved no disposition to submit to such a bap- into one of the most spacious and eletions, and purposes to make it so un- gantly appointed newspaper buildings comfortable for Grover that he will be in the world. J. V. Redpath formerly hid by invoke the same sulphurin fate of this city is the business manager of

Ir appears to be morally certain that az Secretary Blaine is suffering from a easser. It is to be hoped that the country will be spared a repetition of the trying and pathetic scenes that darkened the last days of that other beloved American, Grant.

Don Dickerson was given a rousing We electoral college. With these two receptain by his admirers at Detroit states united against Cleveland he will last evening. It is probable that now dog away to a friend who could afford

RAND RAPIDS HERALD 16 less than the number required more by "the substance of things hoped for" than by a cruzy desire to nonor the bewhiskered chief of the unwashed hordes of the unterrified.

To CLEAR up the moiety of doubt concerning the restitution of the sugar tax, in case of the repeal of the Mc-Kinley bounty clause, it is necessary only to say that a repeal of that clause will restore the act of 1883, under which the government collect a \$50,-000,000 annually from sugar importa-

Timosous and superstitious persons will breathe easier this morning when they read that Biela's comet is not Biels's comet but some other fellow's and that it is chasing itself away from the earth as fast as ever it can.

Ir is really too bad that nobody will be generous enough to say a good word for The Eagle. The old bird is worrying itself into the secondary stage of the "pip" because it is so generally ignored as a newspaper.

Ir somebody will send a tracer to locate those eight poppycock votes missing from Plainfield township, the democratic hope deferred, will spring until some other reverse overtakes them.

PROPESSOR SWENSBERG's description of hydraulic gold mining will prove to be very interesting to those that recall the exciting history of the early days in the gold fields. Your Uncle Jerry Rusk's opinion of

the rain making experiments proves to have been quite as illusive as sundry republican rambows prior to the elec-WITH this morning's hash and this

evening's croquettes, the last of the Thanksgiving relics will pass into eternal desentade.

RETRIBUTION comes swift and sure. The porter of a Pullman car was held up and plundered in Washington the

Ir that comet fails to show up this evening, it may expect to play to empty benches on its return date.

GENERAL DEVENFORTH has proved that he is "no slouch" as a wet nurse.

HILL has not yet signified any choice of the cabinet portfolios.

GROVER is "at home" on Hog Island.

HIT AND MISS STORIES.

To spend about half a million dollars in preparing to light up the World's fair on afternoons darkened by the thunder clouds, or in the event of a possible solar ecipse, would seem to be a singular proceeding. Probably com-mon sense will prevail and the fair will be kept open in the evening .- New

Weaver, the late candidate of the people's party, has issued an address congratulating the public upon the re-suit of the presidential election. This assuring the people that it is a good thing he was beaten.—New York Press. The young man in Detroit who committed suicide because, as he said,

world for him and she was obdurate to all his prayers, showed himself to be a good lover, but the possession of a good deal less than ordinary common sense. That comet may have designs on the earth, and it may not, but if it comes too close to Jackson park it will be gathered in and exhibited in one corner of the big building next year with-

out extra charge. Trusty men are on the lookout for it.—Chicago Tribune. One of the thing that congress should Stepniak, in the current issue of attend to this winter without fail is Free Russia, writes of the valor of locking the doors, carefully and vyshnegradsky, who addressed the securely, against the "undesirable immigrant." He has become much too elenty and much too undesirable.-

Orator Ham's definition of a snolly goster is a picayune fellow who goes sneaking around for a little office which he can't get, and which he couldn't fill with ability if he should get it. We think we recognize the picture .- Bos-

Should Mrs. Lease be elected United States senator from Kansas it will knock out Mrs. Woodhull-Martin's presidential boom. This country is not big enough to hold two female aspirants for that high office.-St. Louis

The early patriots made this country an asylum for the oppressed, but we have let it become a stamping ground for the repressed. Thieves, thugs and cutthroats have poured in to escape not tyranny but law.

Post.

An Omaha man who was dealt a bad poker hand dropped dead of heart dis-ease on looking at it. The lesson obvious: Either hold four aces or don't poke.-Chicago Mail.

Chicago has adopted terra cotta as a fair color. This means that Chicago wants the all-fired earth-Galveston News.

FIVE SHORT DOG TALES

A. J. Halford, brother of the private secretary to President Harrison, used to own a great dog out in Indianapolis. Whenever Mr. Halford started to sing the dog howled. On one occasion, a special manifestation of the dog's intelligence, Mr. Halford's brother, who was the editor of the Indianapolis Journal, suggested making the dog musical critic of the paper, but nothing ever came of it.

Dr. Newcomer, of Indianapolis, once owned a ferocious English mastiff and a small, but large mouthed, terrior. At night they were allowed to run at large. One night a man in the neighorbood was attacked by one of the dogs. He climbed up a tree and stayed there until daylight while the dog kept watch below. When murning came he found he had been treed by the terrier.

A newspaper man who once hved in Philadelphia gave his wife a beauti-This dog was very cleanly by sature, and when it went out on muddy days and soiled its coat it would jump in the bath tub and how! until some one came and gave it a bath.

Jerome K. Jerome tells about a dog that evallowed money. It thrived on pensise and sixpenses, but one day it found a purse filled with gold pieces and ate them. The diet was evidently too rich for it, because the feast gave a fatal attack of indigestion.

Dr. E. L. Fendler of the Tenderloin class, once award a dog that used to drink champagne. The hatet became

FOR AND ABOUT WOMEN,

Today this little bit of womanly counsel is to be given to the army of young girls who are sweet and lovable, et who are just a trifle inclined to think they know more than their mothers and do not heed her advice or give her their unbounded confidence. They love her dearly, but she wasn't born at the end of the nineteenth century and her ideas in consequence are apt to be regarded by them as some

what old fogey.

With the assumption of superior knowledge and a freedom of speech that to foreigners seems absolutely shocking, they openly correct her proshocking, they openly correct her pro-nunciation or her grammar, and are more prone in their sixteen or eighteen-year worldly wise way to fail to regard her advice because, perhaps, it is not framed in language as elegant as they think it ought to be.

Now, dear knowing ones, just a few

words kindly meant and sentient with truth-listen to your mother at all and freest confidence. She is the one who loves you most and therefore best able to advise you. In her counsel there is no tinge of selfianness; it is for your good and your happiness that she warns you of such a thing or cau-Your companion may appear delightful, but mother's eyes are keen to de

tect flaws in those with whom their daugnters associate, and if that tender intuition scents danger you may be sure there is occasion for it. When thing you may rest assured you have started on the wrong tack. If you can no longer give her your fullest confi-dence the concealment means that you are ashamed of things you have done or are going to do and the sooner you free your mind of its weight and just tell mother all about it the sooner you will find rest and peace in the knowl-edge that you can look into her tender eyes and freely give back trust for trust with no lurking secrets hidden from her loving gaze.

ECSTASY AND SENTIMENT.

The ecstatic kiss is the kiss of the poet. Whether it be real or imagin-ary, it is modeled after the same pat-tern. It is filled to the brim with inspiration. It is as rosy as the dawn.
It has no height, no breadth, no depth,
because it is immeasurable and unfathomable. There is no reason in it. It is rollicking and riotous. It conjures up visions beside which the
visions of the Apocalypse are tame
and ordinary. There is no boundary
have to the cestatic kiss. It takes a man's soul up to the door of the seventh heaven of lively bliss. If one ephemeral and yet the most thrilling thing under the heavens he would be ustified in declaring it to be the kiss of ecstasy. The sentimental kiss has been a theme for poets since poesy was born. But there is not in this the same reason for rapture that one finds in the other. When poets write about the sentimental kiss they do it in an idyllic way. When they describe the ecstatic kiss they unbuckle the reins of their imagination and Pegasus goes at a tearing gait. I doubt if the fancies born with a kiss like this are healthy, either to the body or to the soul. My advice to the reader is to abjure the ecstatic kiss and confine the energies solely to the sentimental.—Chicago

DO YOU KNOW! Do you know that you can drive nails into hard wood without bending them if you dip them first in lard?

That corks warmed in oil make excellent substitutes for glass stoppers? That a lump of camphor in your clothespress will keep steel ornaments

That stale bread will clean kid gloves? That bread crumbs cleanse silk gowns?

That milk, applied once a week with a soft cloth, freshens and preserves boots and shoes? That gloves can be cleaned at home

y rubbing with gasoline?
That weak spots in a black silk waist may be strengthened by "sticking" court plaster underneath?

That tooth powder is an excellent cleanser for fine filagree jewelry? That a little vaseline rubbed in once a day will keep the hands from chap-

That gum arabic and gum tragacanth in equal parts dissolved in hot water make the best and most convenient mucilage you can keep in the house?

GOWNS FOR SLENDER WOMAN. Very handsome dresses for slender, youthful women are made of Napoleon blue, violet, or golden-brown ladies' back and trimmed with parrow bands of plucked beaver fur and silk crochetbuttons of the same dark shade. The ve vet sleeves are in a very full leg-o'quard camel's hair and bengaline silk. Black bengaline dresses have large sleeves of rich green or violet velvet. velvet sleeves, and each gown has a collar and girdle matching the sleeve

HOW TO TELL BRIDE AND GROOM, He always carries two new grips and

two umbreilas.
He always offers her his arm. He's always clean shaven, and wears, pesides immaculate linen, a careworn,

worried expression. He always pulls out his watch, presumably to see how much of the honeymoon is left.

When he registers at the hotel the

"and wife" is written twice as large as bis own name.
She never fails to ask how many lumps of sugar he takes in his coffee. -Boston Beacon,

NOTES OF THE MODES.

In the list of expensive evening toilets for the coming gay season are em-pire gowns made with an underdress out with a sheath-like princers dress, the bodice portion of which fite like a glove. This is usually made of small patterned Marie Antoinette brocade, polka-dotted satin or shot-silk in two rather pronounced colors. The bodice part has a yoke effect in velvet, plain sik or satin, and falling from this yoke, front and back, like a veil or a misty cloud, is a straight, rather full drapery of ganze, tuile or net.

Coats with princess backs and Rusman fronts and with very large alcoves are growing in favor. They are in the slight trains or, when they are to be worn with directoirs skirts that are even with the ground, they are made to reach quite to the bottom of the ARIYS. A recently received full dress l'aris

ian toilet shows the extreme of the daring color combinations this season. It is of silk, pishs veivet and brocade, is made a fumpire and represented meanly all the colors of the rainbow, Indued, it is doubtful if a tot of solidmed rainbow would have been so gay, Among the pretty and popular capes have been report the season are those of two thirds covered, 3 have length formed of three graduated capes with 34 cases.

usted collars reaching barely to the shoulders. Whichever way the cape is made all the edges are bordered with

are of dark, Roman-red cloth, elaborately trimmed with pspings of black fur and heavy black cord arabesques in pyramid designs reaching half way up the length of the coat in the back and down the fronts from neck to hem.

Old-fashioned fringes, with rich pas-sementeric headings, are revived. Some of them are intermixed with cutjet and iridescent beads; others are tufted with velvet, while others are en-riched with gold and copper threads Camel's hair cheviote, shaggy of our

face; new English serges, far softer and more flexible than those of previous seasons; French chuddahs and Biarritz clothe are among the popular dress goods for ordinary wear. Dresden china brocades and striped

repped silk of quaint colors are used for dancing dresses this season. The trimming of these gowns is very fine-meshed gold lace in little ruffles set over white satin ribbon. The newest empire brocades are fig ured in rose wreaths and branches, with yellow, white and pink roses to gether on a ground of eminence purple satin or of gold, green, Russian blue or

white. The long white Mongolian fur is now dyed many rich, dark colors to match street costumes, and is used for collarettes, boas, fancy muffs and edg ings.

The new peau de soie has its surface so finely twilled that it is as smooth as satin. It has, however, a demi-luster

The novelties in passementeries and galloons are of heavy cords with the interstices filled in to give an open lace or lattice effect.

In "Princess Audna," which Rhe

day, the plot reveals a young husban who has become infatuated with reigning danseuse. A wrongly directed bracelet betrays to the young wife the real circumstances and she visits the star disguised as a dressmaker star disguised as a dressmaker and meets her husband upon his visit to the dressing room. She immediately perceives the intatuation, and through her assumed ignorance of the affair the danseuse invites her husband to accompany her from the city that eve ning. The prefect of police, whom turn home and try and retain her hus should she be unable to keep him from departing without ex-plaining her knowledge of his intentions, the director promises upor her signal to arrest him as he leaves home and to consign him to an insane manages to escape, returns and is over-come with intense jealousy upon see-ing evidence of a visitor having taken supper with his wife. The visitor

hvaician. at all times, in a fever of expectancy The part of the princess in movement and dash is admirably adapted for the part of the princess at the same time giving pronounced expres-sion to the feelings of the abused but true woman. Her acting was at all as the husband, found a character con-genial to his talents and artistic sympa-thies. The support left nothing to be desired and the costuming revealed, as usual. Rhea's carefulnes for richness-but, best of all, correct-

Winding Up the Work.

The citizens' Thanksgiving committee has now resolved itself into a committee of one, consisting of Truant Officer Fee. When night fell yesterday there was still a large quantity of clothing and footwear on hand and Mr. Fee was selected as the man best fitted to disoose of it where it will do the most good. There also remains a lot of cheap heds, mattresses, woven wire eots and tables which he will find own-ers for. Besides all this he has forty cords of wood to give away, which has thropist, so that if Mr. Fee isn't a pop-ular man for the next few days it will be his own fault. About 300 in all have now been supplied with clothing and

New Assistant Prosecutor. The election of Alfred Wolcott as prosecuting attorney will make changes necessary in at least two of the local law firms. The new assistant

prosecuting attorney will be Charles E. Ward, late of the firm of Ward & Ward. He will be the active assistant mutton shape, and the skirt has a medium-length train. Similiar dresses hooked in the back are made of Jacoffices for civil business will be in the Ottawa building, near the court house. There are other appointments to be made, for which there are plenty of applicants, among the younger of the legal profession.

> What Election Cost Them. The following persons have filed sworn statements of election expenses: John McQueen, \$1,125; T. V. Moulton. \$199.59; Jacob Eisenhardt, \$250; M. H. Walker, \$4; W. H. Hughes, \$109; George G. Steketee, \$135; John L. Bailey, \$41.35; Charles E. Belknap, \$754.85, of which \$639.40 was given to the reprisican committee; S. G. Ketcham, for the republican congressional committee, \$2,044.40; the republican county committee, \$2,545.92; Fred W. Stevens, \$14.10; H. E. Locker, \$25; Thomas Hefferan, \$74; E. E. Ailen, \$10; John B. Greenway, \$3.75; Charles D. Stebbins, \$485; Aifred Wolcott, \$269; James A. Coye, \$239.50.

Great Demand for Potatoes

"The potato shipments now repre-sent only the surplus crop," said E. C. Leavenworth, general freight agent for the G. R. & I yesterday. "There are thousands of busbels of potatoes bur-ied or stored in warehouses, north, waiting shipment in the spring. The crop south of the Ohio river se a failure, and a man that can bold his potatoes until spring can realize about 100 per cent more than he can get now. The shipments from the north are still large, and would be

After a Stockholder. William J. Skewes began suit in the circuit court against Edwig B. Wright, a stockholder in the Muskegon Car company, to collect the face of an exon obtained against the company in Muskegon county. Skewes worked for the company last year, and on sueing for his pay received a judgment for \$466.40, on which but \$37 was col-

Weekly Health Report.

There were 35 came of contagion the cioss of last week; 14 new cases have been reported, 13 cases have re-

NEWS OF THE HOTELS.

here can be no doubt about in y's being on the increase," said Dr learge C. Paimer of Fint at the Mor ton yesterday. Dr. Palmer was for many years medical superintendent of the Kalamasoo asylum for the insane. and has made a specialty of nervous diseases. "As proof of my statement, when I went to Kalamazoo there was only one case of pares: in the asylum. When I left, in 1891, there were fortyone. Paresis is essentially a modern disease of the nervous system, and is brought on by our pecuhar civilization. We live in a fast age, and the mental strain is great. The disease generally develops in men from 30 to 50 years of age, that period of life when the pressure on the nervous system is greatest. Stimulants aid in the development of the disease. A man finds that he has more work than he can do, and takes more work than he can do, and takes something to brace him up. That is nearly always the first step in mental dissolution. I regard paresis as an incurable disease." "Do you regard meanity as heredi

tary" inquired the reporter.

"Well, not in the ordinary sense of the word. I think it possible for parents to transmit to their children a susceptible nervous nature, that may at some time produce inamity. A child that is sensitive, precocious and of an extremely nervous temperament is more liable to become inasne than a child of more stolid disposition. A man of high-strung, susceptible nervman of high-strung, susceptible nerv-ous nature, should never marry a wo-man of annilar character. If the nervman of similar character. If the nervous temperament predominate in one, the other should be strong physically and well halanced mentally. We do not pay enough attention to such things, for the good of the race. I am not a believer in the theory that every person is to a certain extent manne, and that what we call insanity is only an ususual manifestation of a general idiosyncracy. A man may be eccentric and be absolutely sane. A man may be of a dull, phiegmatic, matter-of-fact nature and be equally sane. No two minds are constructed alike; but there is an undefined limit in the workings of the human brain; and be youd this lies the field of insanity."

"Ugh," shivered P. Rene of Mobile in the lobby of the New Livingston yesterday afternoon. "This weather freezes me clear through. When I left Mobile it was a bright, warm spring day. I came to Chicago and struck a blizzard. When I came here last night I found snow drifts." Mr. Rene is in the city to sell 15,000 scres of long leat yellow pine, and has just returned from a trip through Texas. "I saw an example of southern prosperity the other day that would have delighted the heart of any northerner," he said. "It was down in Texas in a town named Velasca. It is located about sixty miles south of Galveston, on the Brazos river. It was started on the prairie out of eight of everything, only a year ago. Now it is as pretty a little city as you ever saw. It is lighted by electricity and an electric street railway is being built. The city is built of wood, but it has a hotel that is a veritable palace. Immense wharves and docks are being built along the river being dredged to the gulf. The city was founded by the Brazos River Channel and Dock company, and it is expected that the great cotton crop of Texas will be handled from this point. Ships drawing over fifteen feet of water cannot get over the bar at Galves ton, and Velasca expects to have nineteen and possibly a twenty-foo for you; and is a sample of what south can do and will do-Ugh, this blasted weather."

Something unique in the line of begging has been invented by an Italian woman in the city. She infests the hotels, and particularly Sweet's. The woman is strong and robust and car-ries a baby in her arms. The child is muffled up so it cannot be seen, but cries pitcously every few minutes. The woman takes the guests of the hotel baby appealingly and says in hersoft dulcet Latin, "Pleas give nick. Baby sicks." It's a cold hearted man that can listen to the subbing of that helpless babe and fall to contribute. "That woman's a devilish fraud," said a traveling man that had just shelled out a quarter yesterday. "That's a fake dodge she's working. There isn't any-thing the matter with the kid, but somebow I'd sooner have my leg pulled

"Why do rubbers wear out so soon? repeated a boot and shoe man at the Eagle yesterday in answer to a ques-tion. "Well, that's a hard question to answer, but the fact is they do. Manufacturers do not use so good rubber and do not take so much care in their manufacture. The rubbers are lighter and cut out easily at the heel. The man that can go through the winter without wearing out four or five pairs can consider himself fortunate. All manufacturers of rubbers make two grades, firsts and seconds. One they

"Yes, the Barrett will lay up the last as he gazed out of his office window at a film of ice just forming across the steamboat channel yesterday. "She left Grand Haven this morning and I telephoned them that I thought there would be no ice to trouble them coming up. We have run later than usual this fall and it's time to quit. Yes, business has been better for having two boats on the line. I always did advocate a daily line since I've been on the river, which is over forty years. A round trip a day would be nothing though, mind you if we have the water to run in. It would only be an eighty mile run. It's not so much the speed of the boat as the condition of the water that prevents it. She may be ever so fast, but she couldn't make it regularly unless the channel is deep-

"Now that, you see, brings us again to the subject of river improvements that is being agitated by the beard of trade. You may have noticed that almost every great port city of Europe and Great Britain is located at some distance from the coast. I believe we might apply that same role to Grand Rapids. Our public sentiment is chang-ing now and citizens see that deep water communication would increase ated some time cince. Dr. Hake graftour population and not burt the railtoads a bit. Just think of it. We have wound, each of which was contributed only as and one-half fret fall between here and Lake Munigan. Sup-posing the dam held tirand river back so that no water got through. Lake Michigan would lack the water almost up here then. From Boss river to Grand Haven is fifteen miles, in which there is no fall at all. There is which there is no fall at ail. There is the past week was \$501,004.21, an in-no current in Lake St. Clair, but the crease over the corresponding week of water gets through it nevertheless. I 1801 of \$152,009.50.

nches at kees river, caused by the inches at lake Michigan. We have four feet of water here and six and one-half feet fall to the lake, consonne-half feet fall to the channel here quently the bottom of the channel here is only two and one-half feet above the

"The ides of sand bare is a wrong i pression. The bottom of this rivel wherever dredged, except down hear Grand Haven, is clay and gravel, and Grand Haven, is clay and gravel, and the improvements made in that line some eight years ago are firm as a rock. In some -piaces, at Blendon for instance, there is fourteen feet of water for 1,000 feet. Our business Well, you see I don't expect to be on the river as long as I have been, at my age, and I go in more for river improvement for the general good the longer I live. With ten feet of water we could bring up big lake target that we could bring up big lake barges trat don't draw over seven teet. Grand Haven is the greatest harbor on the east abore of Lake Michigan by all odds, both as to width and depth, and Grand Rapids should and will make

HINTS ABOUT HORSES.

A number of papers have figured out that as Nancy Hanks has trotted a mile in 2:04, which means that she trotted a little over 42 feet to the second, the little over 42 feet to the second, the two-minute goal is easy for her, for, as they ingemously put it, "She has only to gain a small matter of two feet to the second." Two feet in a second looks small, but it is 284 feet in a mile, or a little more than 18 yards, from being distanced by a horse going in two minutes. For a horse to win in two minutes it has to trot a second faster each quarter, or over 62 feet, which at the tremendous clin is an awful minute.

each quarter, or over 62 feet, which at the tremendous clip is an awful gain. Budd Doble, the famous trainer and driver of Dexter and Flora Temple. Nancy Hanks, and other record-breakers, has the following to say in regard to the offer made by Robert Bonner to the driver who would beat Maud 8.'s time: "The fact is when I wired Mr. Bonner from Terre Haute that Nancy Hanks had trotted in 2:04, I thought I had won \$5,000. I consider that I fairly earned that \$5,000. I don't suppose Mr. Bonner cares for the money, but Mr. Bonner cares for the money, but as in the cases where his horses have been beaten before he "died awfully hard."

The announcement made some time ago of Mr. Robert Bonner's intention to send Maud S. for a trial against the record of Nancy Hanks is confirmed today. Mr. Bonner is in earnest in his desire to have the once peerless mare beat her own record and, if possible, place the time for a mile lower than it is now. Mand S. is today as sound as she was when retired from the trotting

Andy McDowell has a little yearling pacer which he calls Jakey Einstein. He purchased him at Los Angeles, Cal. The other day he surprised the timer at Oakland by speeding little Jakey an eighth of a mile in 17 seconds, and the quarter in 37 seconds. George Starr has gone to California

with a portion of the Salisbury string, which will go into winter quarters at Pleasanton. Starr's contract with Mr. Sainbury expires on January 1, and it is doubtful if it is renewed.

One of the most remarkable horses on earth is the old pacer Jewett. Sixteen years he has been on earth and he is a campaigned about thirteen of them, yet he goes out and wins money in his class Orrin Hickok says there is very little

difference between a pneumatic sulky and the old style rig in the stretch, but a horse booked to the former has a great deal the best of it on the turns. A trotting horse is the only educated

horse, and trotting stock is that which has been educated for generations un-til speed has become the leading char-acteristic. When Alix trotted in 2:10 she stepped

sch half of the mile in 1:05,

An eminently, learned and genial ex-professor of one of Scotland's univer-atties not long since pointed out how Scotland was remarkable for three things-songs, sermons and shillings.
And whilst it may not be disputed that she has enormous and ever-increasing store of these three good things—and that moreover she loves them all—there is a fourth quality of her many sided is a fourth quality of her many sided nature which is more distinctly characteristic of auld Caledonia and her people, and that is the general possession of the faculty of original humor. Not one in ten thousand of the Scottish people may be able to produce a good song or a good sermon; not one in twenty thousand of these may be able to "gather meikle gear and hand is wed thegither;" but every Scotchman is a born humorist, and the Rev. William A. Colledge of Cadillac will confirm this in an hour's task on "St. Andrew's night," the 30th inst., at the Ladies' Literary rooms, Sheldon street. Scotchman and their friends will do well to and "feel at home again, an' bae a

and "feel at home again, an' bae a gude crack."

Auctioneers Quarrel. grades, firsts and seconds. One they sell under their own name, the other they sell under an alias. The seconds have the greatest sale and that is the reason most persons think all rubbers and overshoes are absolutely rotten. The best grade of goods will wear fairly well, but heaven knows they are bad enough."

PRACTICAL RIVER TALK.

"Yes, the Parrent will law up the less."

There was a ripple of excitement about the auction store run by I. R. Wilson, corner Monroe and Waterloo streets last evening. Wilson leased the store of W. C. Johnson, excepting five feet on the east side, which Johnson had intended to use for a night many the less than the store of W. C. Johnson, excepting five feet on the east side, which Johnson had intended to use for a night many the less than the store of W. C. Johnson, excepting five feet on the east side, which Johnson had intended to use for a night many the less than the store of W. C. Johnson, excepting five feet on the east side, which Johnson had intended to use for a night.

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street, but was quickly dispersed.

Marie Beasley's Entertainment.

The entertainment to be given in Powers' December 21 by Marie Wilson Beasley and her pupils promises to be a novel and interesting event. The march will be given by Mrs. Beasley and fifteen pupils—Misses Belle Thorington, Alice Taylor, Beasle Walker, May Conlon, Eliza Wilson, Hattle Hoffman, Evelyn Holland, Louis Zates, Nellie Dregge, Oddie Stewart, Lolu Rookus, Lazzie Taylor, Anna Hogadone, Helen Gray and Anna Hansen, under the direction of Col. Charles Bose, choong in a drill with Charles Bose, closing in a drill with the wands Swedish and German meth-od combined, followed by eight tota, who will present one of the leading features of the entertainment.

Henry Brotst of the firm of Brotse & Himes, boiler makers, is able now to by a friend of the injured man.

There was in increase in bank clear-ings vesterday of \$1,750.50 over the corresponding day of last year on a business of \$155,408.08. The total for